

THE WEEKLY BANNER.

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In the United States court at San Antonio one Mians, a sheep man, was fined for dealing in tobacco without a license; he had loaned a neighbor a caddy of tobacco and in a settlement collected for it, under the ruling of the court he was found guilty. This seems to be carrying a technicality to extremes.

The Groesbeck New Era thinks: "Coke has got the ends on Roberts." The latter tells about the methods of cultivating the soil, but neglected to send along a package of seeds for that business. Coke is furnishing the seed from Washington, which at planting time are worth more to the farmer than all the "methods" in the world.

THE WILLARD HOTEL LOTTERY.—As this scheme is presented in our regular advertising columns, it presents to the public a rare and tempting array of prizes but seldom offered, to be disposed of by lot on Thursday, the 10th of November next. Examine the advertisement. The drawing is near at hand, to secure tickets you will have to order the same at once.

COMPLAINT has been made of the check of the publisher of a literary paper in Texas. But the champion cheeky proposition of the season is just at hand from New York, a publisher in that city offers for the insertion of five dollars worth of advertising and occasional critical notices, to send a paper worth, at subscription price, \$1.50 per year.

A VERY sensible suggestion is made by the Austin Statesman, it is: that the candidates in the coming city election pool their issues and publicly announce that no political bumper or rounder will be employed to drum up votes. If the candidates were content to go before the public simply on their respective merits and no under influence was brought to bear on the floating vote it is likely that only good men would get in office.

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The Tenant System.

For the past fifteen years many of the owners of large farms in this county have utilized them by renting the land to tenants and furnishing houses for them to live in. Some of the tenants work on shares while others pay money rent. A very considerable number of the tenants are negroes and much dissatisfaction has been expressed by the landlords; the negro tenant is now a freeman as well as a freedman, and being free he proceeds to enjoy his liberty by working when he feels like it and letting it alone when he does not. Unfortunately for the landlord the idle spells always seem to come on the freedman at a time his crop is most in need of attention; the freedman is generally of a religious turn of mind and, if a revival is in progress in his neighborhood he regards his eternal salvation as of much more importance than such an earthly affair as a crop of cotton or corn, and while he is absent attending to his religious duties his crop and his landlord are both suffering. At the beginning of the crop season the average negro tenant is full of hope and promises. He undertakes to cultivate more ground than he can attend to; works diligently in preparing and "pitching" his crop, and when the rains and grass both come he is almost certain to be caught by the latter. He is not alone, if he was he might work out, his neighbors are also in the grass and for the sake of getting a few dollars in cash the colored tenant will desert temporarily—his own crop to work for somebody else. He is generally improvident and is always compelled to live from hand to mouth and if he has on hand provisions for a week in advance he is supremely happy. There is in this county a number of good negro tenants who attend closely to their business and make good crops as well as money, but they are the exception and not the rule. A few colored men own their farms, but they are very few. The question with land owners now is how to get their land cultivated; each year's experience with colored tenants seems to be more and more unsatisfactory, and many farmers are trying to sell out altogether, while others are endeavoring to substitute white for colored labor. If there is an honest desire on the part of these having lands to rent to secure white tenants, they can do so by a united effort. They must co-operate as individuals in this direction will not accomplish much. By procuring white tenants who are honest and industrious they will be getting a class of people who will be able to buy land for themselves, and it would in all probability, be better for the landlords as well as for the people generally if there were more small farms and fewer tenants.

The San Antonio Light is making a warfare on the gamblers of San Antonio, and it says that gamblers are by no means confined to the regular gambling houses, but that in a private way card playing for money is indulged in in offices and at private houses. This species of gaming is beyond the reach of the law, and the state laws are a dead letter throughout the state. It wants officers elected who will enforce the laws. Before gambling can be stopped by law it will be necessary that a wonderful change take place in public sentiment regarding it.

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The Bummer.

This is an indigent but very expressive name given to an individual of the male gender who makes his chief home in the large cities, but he is also to be found in the smaller ones and in the towns; nearly everybody knows him personally; he is very easy to become acquainted with. He is a different character from the hoodlum, though is almost equally much opposed to honest labor. A distinguishing characteristic of the bummer is the continuous drought that forever reigns in the region of his stomach; dryness is his normal condition and his chronic complaint. He is always a committee of one on internal irrigation; he lives to drink and drinks to live. While he has a great fondness for fluid refreshments he generally manages to keep on his feet; it is his business to be wide-awake at all times. The bummer, like all other business and professional men, has his busy season and his season of rest and recuperation. His business season commences from one to six months before an election, at such times he looms up as a person of vast importance; he has neither property or money of his own and of course has no vital interest at stake in the election of officers, but being a man of extensive acquaintance he is always ready to lend his influence to the candidate or candidates that will furnish him the most money to espouse his or their cause. With the better portion of the community he has no influence whatever; no one knows this better than the professional bummer himself, but there is in every city, town and community a class of men who have no homes or settled place of abode for more than a few months at a time, and who are citizens and under the law are entitled to vote. This class of voters have neither politics or principles, they care nothing about the character or fitness of the men for whom they vote to fill offices as a lax administration of the laws, be they municipal, county or state, is more than likely to be in their favor, as from this class the criminal courts get a majority of the offenders. It is among floating population that the bummer is at home; he is furnished, money and turned loose to use it in the interest of the candidate or party furnishing it, and instances are not wanting in which the bummer has taken money from both parties and at the same time has done no violence to his conscience. It is about time that the bummer was permanently retired from political duty; political parties as well as individuals can afford to do without him.

Tolerance.

Intolerance is not the antidote for infidelity, says the Dallas Herald. This remark seems to have been brought about by the seizure at Toronto, Canada, of an invoice of infidel books. This of course created great excitement and promoted not a little bitterness of feeling. A man's religious convictions are his own and the same freedom should be granted to one belief as to another. If by reason and persuasion converts can be made, well and good, but there should be no legal interference. Whenever an effort is made to proscribe a body or religious sect it is almost sure to find adherents. This was illustrated in Texas a year or two ago when so much fuss was made about a few sanctificationists. When every one in the neighborhood of the sanctification meetings was aroused and indignant at them they seemed to make proselytes; but as soon as they were left alone in their glory they began to discover the folly of their ways, came to their senses and for nearly a year have been said to be a long as a reason for the non-interference of the state and federal governments with the objectionable practices of the county. The Beaumont Enterprise has finished the first year of its existence and finds itself on a basis and in a prosperous condition. The Enterprise is a new paper and fully equipped with the latest machinery and press it has achieved.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The capitol committee has selected limestone as the material of which the capitol will be built.

The people of Louisiana are going to raise a fund for the family of the late Governor Wiltz.

A PORTRAIT of LaFayette is the latest addition to the illustrations in the country weekly papers.

The Schulenburg Argus has entered on its second year and it says it needs no more "soothing syrup."

The Galveston Journal compares Roberts and Coke and asks, which? It seems to prefer Coke to Roberts.

The managers of the Austin and Northwestern railroad expect to have the grading completed to Burnet by January 1st.

The steamer Atlanta arrived at New Orleans last Saturday bringing over one hundred Italian immigrants bound for Texas.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has rented the pew in St. Johns Episcopal church, Washington, once occupied by President Madison.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says that large purchases of Confederate bonds are being made in that city; \$2 per \$1000 is the price.

The Houston Post is disposed to find fault with the old alcalde for the manner in which he treats of persimmons and persimmon beer.

JUDGE MOORE has tendered his resignation as supreme judge, which has been accepted by the governor. Judge Gould will be his successor.

The Baltimore American declares that James G. Blaine will be made president in 1884, but it does not expect any except Blaine men to believe it.

The mails from Northern Texas are very irregular. Dallas, Denison and Sherman daily papers come two or three at a time, though mailed daily.

It is now said that Gen. Jubal A. Early is not quite sixty-five years of age instead of eighty as has been extensively published by the newspapers.

NEW ORLEANS is having an epidemic of suicides, on Tuesday two men succeeded in killing themselves and a third made an unsuccessful attempt.

The United States senate adjourned on Saturday last. The Lynchburg post office confirmation went over as did also that of the postmaster at Brenham.

HERE is a chunk of oil-finished wisdom from the San Antonio Express. "All circumstances and conditions conform themselves to excuses for taking a drink."

NEW YORK city is on the eve of a water famine; the croton river does not supply water enough for the city and other arrangements will have to be made.

A MAN named Logan, postmaster at Assumption, Ill., robbed his office and is now in the penitentiary at Joliet. He will be there for the next three years.

REV. TALMAGE says that the church attendance is now larger in proportion to population everywhere than at any former period. This is certainly encouraging if true.

INDIGNANT meetings have been held in the very heart of London and the name of Mr. Gladstone was received with hootings and groans; this on account of the policy pursued towards Ireland.

JUDGE MOORE of the state bench is to resign after the adjournment of the Tyler term, on account of feeble health, and it is suggested that R. S. Walker, of Palestine, will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

The Galveston Journal says that the democratic senators elected Mr. Bayard with a full knowledge of the vicissitudes which followed it. They did so as a matter of principle and maintained their self respect.

THERE is strong probability that another strike of the cotton handlers will occur at New Orleans at an early day. The strikers complain that the agreement between them and the employers is not carried out.

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COL. DeGress has arrived at Austin from Washington. He reports that nothing is definitely known as to Ex-Governor Davis' chances for a cabinet position.

ONE might suppose that all editors are honest, but they are not. J. M. Oliver, editor of the Webster, Georgia, Dispatch, is in jail on the charge of being engaged in an extensive swindle.

GEORGE MEYER, a wealthy citizen of Sedalia, Mo., left his home last February to visit relatives in Ohio. He never reached there and all trace of him from the time he got on the cars at Sedalia has been lost.

The cashier of the Mechanics' Bank at Newark, N. J., has proved to be a defaulter in a large amount and now the papers say that he will not go to the penitentiary as less than half his stealings will keep him out.

The Dallas Times wants to know if Roberts Texas would not have been pronounced a good book if the governor had not been suggested as a senatorial candidate. Opinions as to the merits of the book are very conflicting.

The handy and free use of the pistol is becoming very common in all parts of the country. At Lawrenceville, Ill., last Tuesday two men quarreled about a girl whom both were courting. One whipped the other and then shot and killed him as he was running away.

W. L. COLLINS, the man who got up a great railroad excursion in Texas in 1878 and had trouble with the railroad at Hannibal, is now in New Orleans getting up an excursion to Atlanta. Perhaps some of Collins' Texas excursionists will go over to New Orleans and join his excursion.

COL. WILL LAMBERT, well known to newspaper men throughout Texas, has entered the political arena; he has taken the first step to become a politician by announcing as a candidate for alderman in the 9th ward at Austin. His platform is, "no doubling up on officers. A fair chance around everybody's home."

A MAN named Oyster was fireman of the government printing house at Washington. He wanted to be public printer but was "fired out" and now he seeks revenge by telling of immoral practices in the printing office. So long as he held a position he kept as dumb as an oyster, and now that he is not one will believe him.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has lately been spending a good deal of his time with Gen. Grant, who is looked upon as his confident adviser. The New York Sun says that Arthur ought to spend a great deal of time with Grant and it cynically remarks: "From Gen. Grant, Gen. Arthur can learn nearly everything that a president ought not to do."

PROSPECTIVE candidates for the governorship of Texas are beginning to be numerous and the Texas Herald is impelled to remark that, "the fate of the gentleman from Navarro whose bomb spent its force with scarcely a reverberation, doesn't seem to deter other patriots from coming to the front and offering to step into the old alcalde's brogans."

PROHIBITION is to be made an issue in the next general election, and this being the case the Waco Examiner calls the attention of the prohibitionists to the report of the census in connection with crime in Maize, which state seems to have a much larger proportion of criminals than the anti-prohibition states, and fully as much drunkenness as any of them.

Harper's Young People

Is unquestionably the most valuable weekly periodical for boys and girls published in the English language. It meets a long-felt want in the family circle, and is acknowledged to be a valuable means of developing the youthful mind. Every word printed in its attractive pages is as pure and elevating as that which comes from a mother's lips. It possesses a potent influence and charm, which make it a welcome guest to parent and child alike. Bright short stories from pens trained to write for the young, sparkling poems and rhymes, fascinating puzzles and beautiful illustrations appear weekly in its columns. In the third volume, commencing Nov. 1, will begin a new tale by Mr. James O. H. entitled "Toby Tyler," a sequel to the famous story of "Toby Tyler," by the same author, which was such a popular feature in Harper's Young People during the past year. The subscription price of the paper is only \$1.50. It would be cheap at five dollars.

The Brenham Banner notes the demise of the Evening News, leaving the "long felt" unsatisfied.

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STATE NEWS.

—Rockdale business men amuse themselves by fighting game chickens.

—Half a dozen horses and mules were strayed or stolen circus day at Navasota.

—The Wizard oil warblers are delighting the Shermanites with their splendid music.

—Grayson county has fifty prisoners in the jail and ninety cases on her criminal docket.

—Sam'l of Posen fairly took Dallas by storm. It was played two nights to crowded houses.

—The San Antonio jail is so full of prisoners that there is not even room for "one more."

—The Age wants a confederator to go to Carthage and give Tom Bowers a surfeit of taffy.

—Ella Hardeman, colored, reported as having taken morphine with suicidal intent is dead.

The Herald says that Dallas wants a union depot; she has so many railroads that it is a necessity.

—A number of Bastrop people went to Austin to see Harum's circus; they were disappointed.

—Jinks, late of the Sherman Courier-Chronicle, is in Texas, but he is not in health.

—The signal cana was destroyed by a fire on Sunday.

—J. J. Ammons is in jail at Sherman for stealing an axe and for malicious mischief.

—The big hog of the season has commenced being killed; the big one killed at Bonham the other day weighed 505 pounds net.

—Ella Hardeman, colored, living in Dallas, attempted to ascend the golden stairs by the aid of a dose of morphine. She did not go.

—Fifteen city prisoners escaped from the Sherman calaboose the other night and now the Courier-Chronicle wants a strong city prison.

—Near Mayfield, Milan county last week, Geo. Saunders cut a man named Blanche so severely that he died. Saunders surrendered.

—John Harper is in jail at Sherman for stealing an axe and for malicious mischief. John is a Missourian and says he is one of the James boys' gang.

—At Tyler the citizens committee reported in favor of contesting the university election. It is an ill wind, etc., the Tyler lawyers will make a fee by the contest.

—Dallas lawyers are not as law-abiding as they might be. The grand jury has indicted no less than thirty-seven of them for non-payment of their occupation taxes.

—Cooke county with a population of 25,000 has only four paupers supported at public expense. Three are taken care of at \$12 each per month, and the other at \$8.

—At Bastrop the cooks and washerwomen are on a strike, they demand \$1.50 a day for washing, \$1.50 a dozen for washing and ironing and \$15 a month for cooking.

—About 5000 people assembled in Austin to see the circus on Saturday, but as it came not they managed to spend their money all the same and retailers had a genuine bonanza.

—The case of Miles Thompson, a negro, convicted of rape in Austin county, with the death penalty has been affirmed by the appellate court. Thompson will in all probability be hanged.

—It is abundant in Miami and hogs will be fat without feeding much.

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